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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/23/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/16/06
Broiler/fryer	166,895	164,985
Light hens	1,141	1,086
Heavy hens	1,397	1,516

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	0	0	0
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	85	0	85
Same week yr ago	214	0	214
To-date/2006	5,861	23	5,884
To-date/2005	9,773	40	9,813

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	970	1,542	2,512
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	961	1,242	2,203
Same week yr ago	1,545	1,551	3,096
To-date/2006	46,425	54,812	101,237
To-date/2005	64,566	52,528	117,094

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	166,512	970	1,542	2,512
Avg Wt	5.45	3.36	8.14	6.29
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,603	876	1,242	2,118
Same wk yr ago	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882
Avg Wt	5.33	3.15	8.24	5.89
To-date/2006	5,966,723	40,564	54,789	95,353
To-date/2005	5,954,984	54,793	52,488	107,281

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	39,683	91,524	24,754
Avg Weight	3.90	5.39	7.04
% of total /1	24%	55%	15%
Last week	42,845	78,603	22,313
Avg Weight	3.80	5.45	6.94
% of total /1	28%	51%	14%
Same week, yr ago /2	43,552	90,402	29,083
Avg Weight	3.81	5.33	6.97
% of total /1	26%	53%	17%
To date/2006	1,722,979	2,939,836	845,412
To date/2005	1,769,463	2,894,276	968,115

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
Avg Wt	17.56	36.06	25.27	0.00	28.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Same wk yr ago	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Avg Wt	16.27	35.16	24.62	31.70	27.18
To-date/2006	70,946	94,043	891	177	166,057
To-date/2005	64,708	95,065	866	153	160,792

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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